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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 16, 2004

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of September 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.